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**MUNCIE PSYCHOLOGIST INDICTED
FOR HEALTH CARE FRAUD**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that T. BRANDON DAVIS, 59, Muncie, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for health care fraud, following a joint state and federal investigation by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Indiana Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

The indictment alleges that DAVIS, owner and operator of the Arbor Neuropsychological Assessment Clinics in Muncie and Richmond, engaged in fraudulent billing

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practices during a period spanning from 1999 to 2002, with a total loss to Medicaid approaching an estimated \$300,000. In particular, the indictment alleges that DAVIS would use non-licensed personnel to perform psychological testing and counseling – a practice for which Medicaid will not reimburse – then billed the program as if he or a licensed provider had performed the service. The indictment further alleges that DAVIS would bill for services allegedly performed on days when he was out of the state or out of the country.

Brooks said, “Medicaid fraud has an adverse toll on our health care system, taking funds intended for the care of our most vulnerable citizens -- those who are sick and economically disadvantaged – and diverting payments to line the pockets of highly educated medical professionals.”

“The U.S. Attorney’s Office is dedicated to coordinating our efforts with the law enforcement community to track those who perpetrate Medicaid fraud and prosecute them under federal law,” Brooks concluded.

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter adds, "There is no tolerance for raiding a system designed to help some of the state's most vulnerable people. All of the investigating groups are to be commended for their efforts and diligence in this case."

Special Agent Wendy Osborne of the FBI concluded, “This is a prime example of how combining the efforts and resources from different agencies pays off in successful criminal investigations and continues to have significant impact in the community.”

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According to Assistant United States Attorney Mark Massa, who is prosecuting the case for the government, DAVIS faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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